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I have the honour to refer to Security Council resolution 1853 (2008) concerning Somalia, adopted on 19 December 2008. In paragraph three of the resolution the Council decided to extend the mandate of the Monitoring Group and requested me to take the necessary administrative measures to re-establish the Monitoring Group for a period of 12 months.

Accordingly, I wish to inform you that, after consulting with the Security Council Committee established pursuant to Security Council resolution 751 (1992) concerning Somalia, I have appointed the following experts:

Gregory Beals, United States of America (armed groups expert)
Matt Bryden, Canada (regional expert)
Charles M. Lengalenga, Zambia (finance expert)
Jörg Roofthooft, Belgium (transport/maritime expert)

I have also designated Matt Bryden to serve as Coordinator of the Monitoring Group.

I should be grateful if you would bring this information to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) **Ban** Ki-moon

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